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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **TPPF Serves Notice of Intent to File Lawsuit to Delist Golden-Cheeked Warbler as an Endangered Species**

Scientific Evidence Indicates Ample Populations of Golden-Cheeked Warbler

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AUSTIN, TX - Texas Public Policy Foundation (TPPF) General Counsel and Director of the Center for the American Future Robert Henneke sent a letter to the U.S. Department of the Interior and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service serving the 60-day notice of intent to file a lawsuit to delist the golden-cheeked warbler from the Endangered Species List. The notice was served on behalf of the General Land Office of the State of Texas (GLO), which is represented by TPPF's Center for the American Future in this effort to delist the Warbler because of its documented recovery.

"The effectiveness of the Endangered Species Act should be measured in the successful delisting of species, not by the number of species on it," said Land Commissioner George P. Bush. "When a new species is listed, there should be a realistic and holistic plan for achieving the goal of increasing the population so that it can be safely delisted. The Golden Cheeked Warbler is a success story and now that its population is up, we can remove it from the list and focus on the species needing our protection and attention. Working together we are returning common sense to federal government."

"The golden-cheeked warbler is a recovered species and should no longer be regulated by the federal government under the Endangered Species Act," said Henneke. "The Warbler population is 19 times greater than when the species was listed. As the purpose for listing the species - recovery - has been accomplished, respect for private property rights and limited government demand that the language of the ESA be followed in delisting the Warbler from further regulation."

To view the notice of intent, please visit: <http://txpo.li/2IEITaP>

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